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SANITARY LEGISLATION.

STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

CALIFORNIA.

Milk and Milk Products—Conditions Under Which They May be Sold as “Certified.” (Chap. 79, Act Apr. 30, 1913.)

SECTION 1. No person, firm, or corporation shall sell or exchange, or offer or expose for sale or exchange as and for certified milk, any milk which does not conform to the rules and regulations and to the methods and standards for the production and distribution of “certified milk” adopted by the American Association of Medical Milk Commissions on May 1, 1912, and which does not bear the certification of a milk commission appointed by a county medical society organized under and chartered by the medical society of the State of California, and which has not been pronounced by such authority to be free from antiseptics, added preservatives, and pathogenic bacteria, or bacteria in excessive numbers. All milk sold as certified milk shall be conspicuously marked with the name of the commission certifying it. Such milk commission shall make all requirements for the production and handling of certified milk uniform and fair, and shall not refuse to certify milk for any applicant for certification who shall comply with the provisions of this act.

SEC. 2. No person, firm, or corporation shall sell or exchange or offer or expose for sale or exchange, any cream, skimmed milk, buttermilk, ice cream, butter, or cheese as and for certified cream, certified skimmed milk, certified buttermilk, certified ice cream, certified butter, or certified cheese, as the case may be, or use the word “certified” in connection with the sale, designation, advertising, labeling, or billing of any cream, skimmed milk, buttermilk, ice cream, butter, or cheese unless the same and all products of milk contained therein or used in the manufacture thereof are obtained exclusively from milk which conforms to the requirements of this act for certified milk and which bears the certification of a milk commission in accordance with the provisions of section 1 of this act, and unless in addition thereto the methods and conditions under which such cream, skimmed milk, buttermilk, ice cream, butter, and cheese, as the case may be, have been prepared or manufactured, as regards cleanliness and sanitation, shall conform to the requirements of the milk commission, whose certification is sought. All cream, skimmed milk, buttermilk, ice cream, butter, and cheese sold, designated, advertised, or offered for sale as certified cream, certified skimmed milk, certified buttermilk, certified ice cream, certified butter, or certified cheese, shall be conspicuously marked with the name of the commission certifying it and certifying the milk from which such cream, ice cream, butter, and cheese is obtained.

SEC. 3. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$200, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than 10 nor more than 60 days.

SEC. 4. An act entitled "An act to regulate the production of certified milk," approved March 18, 1909, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Wiping Rags—Sterilization Required. (Chap. 81, Act Apr. 30, 1913.)

SECTION 1. Every person or corporation who supplies or furnishes to his or its employees for wiping rags, or who sells or offers for sale for wiping rags, any soiled wearing apparel, underclothing, bedding, or parts of soiled or used underclothing, wearing apparel, bedclothes, bedding, or soiled rags and cloths, unless the same have been sterilized by a process of boiling for 40 minutes in a solution containing 5 per cent of caustic soda, and unless before such boiling, the sleeves, legs, and bodies of garments are ripped and made into flat pieces, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

SEC. 2. Wiping rags within the meaning of this act are cloths and rags used for wiping and cleaning the surfaces of machinery, machines, tools, locomotives, engines, motor cars, automobiles, cars, carriages, windows, and furniture, and surfaces of articles, appliances and engines in factories, shops, steamships and steamboats, and generally used for cleaning purposes in industrial employments, and also used by mechanics and workmen for wiping from their hands and bodies soil incident to their employment.

SEC. 3. Any person or corporation who shall wash, cleanse, or launder soiled rags or soiled cloth material for wiping rags, in the same building or by the same machinery or appliances, in or by which clothing and articles for personal wear or for household use are laundered, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

SEC. 4. Every peace officer, health officer, or health inspector, upon proper demand and notice of his authority, shall be permitted, during business hours, to enter factories, shops, yards, ships, boats, and premises where wiping rags are used, or are kept for sale, or offered for sale, and inspect such wiping rags; and it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, company, or corporation to refuse to permit such inspection, or to impede or obstruct such officer during such inspection.

SEC. 5. Each county, city and county, city and town, may regulate the business of laundering and sterilizing, and the business of selling wiping rags, by enacting ordinances prohibiting the laundering, sterilizing, and sale, and offering for sale, of wiping rags, or cloth material for wiping rags, within their respective jurisdictions, without a permit issued by the board of supervisors of the county, or board of health or health officer of the city and county, city and town, and for the issuance of certificates of inspection of wiping rags offered for sale. Such permit shall be granted as of course on a first application therefor, and may be revoked by the board or officer authorized to issue the same for a violation of this act or for a violation of such ordinance by the holder of such permit. The board, department, or officer authorized to issue permits to launder, sterilize, or sell wiping rags shall keep a register of the names and places of business of persons to whom such permits are issued, and the date of issue and number of said permit, and a record of revocation of issued permits.

SEC. 6. Every package or parcel of wiping rags must, before being sold or offered for sale, be plainly marked "sterilized wiping rags," with the number and date of permit given for the conducting of the laundry in which the rags contained in such package or parcel were laundered and sterilized, and the name of the board or officer issuing the permit; or with the name and location of the laundry in which such rags were laundered and sterilized.

SEC. 7. Any person, firm, or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.